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### *Annual Award Ceremony on the Occasion of the International Anti-Corruption Day*

On 9 December, 2014 in Yerevan (Winter Garden of Royal Tulip Grand Hotel Yerevan) the “Armenian Young Lawyers Association” NGO jointly with the Anti-Corruption Coalition of CSOs in the framework of the EU funded “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” project organizes an annual award ceremony on the occasion of the International Anti-Corruption Day.

Representatives of international organizations, state structures, as well as CSOs and Mass Media from Yerevan and the RA marzes are invited to participate in the event.

RA Deputy Minister of Justice Mr. Suren Krmoyan, Deputy Head of the Cooperation Section of the Delegation of the European Union in Armenia Mr. Jose-Maria Medina Navarro and President of the “Armenian Young Lawyers Association” NGO, “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” Project Manager Mr. Karen Zadoyan are invited to deliver welcoming speeches.

Welcoming speeches will be followed by the Annual Award Ceremony on the occasion of the International Anti-Corruption Day in the framework of which “Anti-Corruption Awards” will be granted to the “Citizen of the Year”, representatives of CSOs and Mass Media.

The project aims to increase the role of the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in promoting anti-corruption reforms and their implementation. In the framework of the project the capacity of CSOs and the media to engage in monitoring and watchdog activities will be built. Anti-corruption training workshops will be organized throughout Armenia with the purpose of enabling CSOs and media organisations to better comprehend the issues related to anti-corruption and freedom of information. These activities aim at deepening the existing opportunities for carrying out anti-corruption activities. Small grants will be given for raising the effectiveness of public monitoring and implementation of appropriate monitoring, watchdog and investigative activities. A sustainable dialogue between CSOs and the Government will be developed with the participation of CSOs, to strengthen the anti-corruption institutional mechanisms.

The project is funded by the European Union and implemented by the “Armenian Young Lawyers Association” NGO – Applicant and “Freedom of Information Center” NGO – Partner. The project duration is 3 years (January 2014 – December 2016) and the budget is 650.000 EUR.

**Armenian Young Lawyers Association** (AYLA) was established in 1995 with a Mission to promote to the establishment of the rule of law, democracy and formation of the civil society in Armenia, where the people are aware of their rights and their rights are protected.

**Freedom of Information Center** (FOI) operates over 10 years. The Mission of FOI is to promote application of the RA Freedom of Information Law, contribute to the transparency and openness of the Armenian government system and to stimulate civic society's involvement in the governance system.

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